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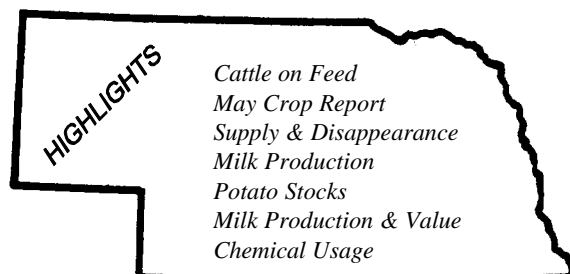
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HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 3%

Cattle on feed May 1, 1999, in the historic 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.57 million, up 3% from the previous year and 1% above May 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.43 million, 6% above 1998 and 11% above 1997. Marketings during April totaled 1.67 million, 4% above 1998 and up 1% from 1997. Other disappearance during April was 78,000 head, 28% above 1998 and 15% above 1997.

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.12 million cattle on feed on May 1. This inventory was up 6% from last year and 10% above May 1, 1997. Fed cattle marketings for the month of April totaled 380,000 head, up 6% from last year but was equal to April two years ago. Placements during April totaled 340,000 head, up 10% from last year and 15% above 1997. Other disappearance during April totaled 20,000 head compared with 10,000 head during April 1998 and 15,000 head during April 1997.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.02 million head on May 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.67 million. Net placements were 1.57 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 283,000, 600-699 pounds were 389,000, 700-799 pounds were 567,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 431,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.93 million. Other disappearance totaled 104,000 during April.

CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE

STATE	MAY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			APRIL PLACEMENTS			APRIL MARKETINGS			APRIL OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	205	208	101	28	26	93	30	31	103	5	1	20
California*	370	375	101	50	45	90	45	50	111	5	5	100
Colorado* . .	970	1,120	115	160	200	125	170	190	112	20	10	50
Idaho	270	280	104	41	57	139	42	43	102	14	14	100
Iowa*	310	350	113	40	42	105	54	50	93	1	2	200
Kansas*	2,020	1,970	98	330	340	103	400	410	103	10	30	300
Nebraska*	2,000	2,120	106	310	340	110	360	380	106	10	20	200
New Mexico	79	85	108	15	15	100	26	23	88	1	1	100
Oklahoma . .	355	325	92	65	62	95	78	80	103	2	2	100
So. Dakota . .	167	180	108	25	31	124	23	29	126	2	4	200
Texas*	2,420	2,430	100	440	440	100	550	560	102	10	10	100
Washington	168	173	103	30	25	83	38	28	74	2	3	150
Other Sts . .	390	400	103	50	47	94	70	60	86	10	2	20
U.S.	9,724	10,016	103	1,584	1,670	105	1,886	1,934	103	92	104	113

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

*Historical 7 States.

1999 WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 8% FROM LAST YEAR

Nebraska's 1999 winter wheat crop is forecast at 76 million bushels, based on May 1 conditions, down 8% from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year's record high yield but 4.5 bushels above the ten-year (1989-1998) average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.9 million acres, up 5% from last year. This would be 95% of the 2.0 million acres planted. Last year, 95% of the planted acreage was harvested for grain, compared to the five-year average

which is 94%. The crop came through the winter months with only limited damage. As of May 1, plant growth was good with adequate to surplus topsoil moisture supplies in most areas of the State. April precipitation was well ahead of normal across the State, thus providing moisture necessary for continued plant growth and development.

MAY 1 HAY STOCKS UP 7% FROM LAST YEAR

May 1 hay stocks of 1.31 million tons were 7% above last year's holdings. Open winter conditions across the State allowed extended winter grazing of pastures and stalk fields.

MAY 1, 1999 ESTIMATES AND COMPARATIVE DATA FOR NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES

Classification	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1997	1998	1999 1/	1997	1998	1999 1/
Winter Wheat:						
Harvested for Grain 2/ Percent	95.0	95.0	95.0	86.0	86.0	84.0
For harvest 1,000 Acres	1,900	1,800	1,900	41,340	40,126	36,343
Yield Bushels	37.0	46.0	40.0	44.6	46.9	44.4
Production 1,000 Bushels	70,300	82,800	76,000	1,845,528	1,880,605	1,614,799
All Hay Farm Stocks 1,000 Tons	968	1,222	1,306	17,424	21,827	24,795

1/ Indicated. 2/ Percent of seeded acreage.

NEBRASKA -- WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS, 1998-1999 1/

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	840.0	875.0	781.3	828.0	42.0	37.3	32,845.4	30,850.0
North	15.5	12.0	13.0	10.0	42.2	34.0	549.1	340.0
Northeast	4.0	3.0	3.4	2.0	46.0	34.0	156.4	68.0
Central	29.5	35.0	27.2	34.0	55.0	35.0	1,497.3	1,190.0
East	39.0	40.0	35.5	39.0	43.6	42.0	1,547.2	1,638.0
Southwest	577.0	615.0	558.0	587.0	48.3	42.0	26,931.9	24,654.0
South	200.0	220.0	192.6	210.0	55.1	46.0	10,609.8	9,660.0
Southeast	195.0	200.0	189.0	190.0	45.8	40.0	8,662.9	7,600.0
NEBRASKA	1,900.0	2,000.0	1,800.0	1,900.0	46.0	40.0	82,800.0	76,000.0

1/ Preliminary 1998 estimates and 1999 forecasts as of May 1, 1999.

WINTER WHEAT -- ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION -- SELECTED STATES

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		
	1998	1999*	1998	1999*	1997	1998	1999*
	1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels		
Colorado	2,550	2,400	39.0	38.0	86,400	99,450	91,200
Kansas	10,100	9,500	49.0	43.0	501,400	494,900	408,500
Missouri	1,250	950	46.0	48.0	58,320	57,500	45,600
Montana	1,250	1,000	39.0	40.0	55,100	48,750	40,000
NEBRASKA	1,800	1,900	46.0	40.0	70,300	82,800	76,000
Oklahoma	5,100	4,500	39.0	34.0	169,600	198,900	153,000
South Dakota	1,420	1,260	43.0	42.0	34,500	61,060	52,920
Texas	3,900	3,400	35.0	31.0	118,900	136,500	105,400
Washington	2,100	1,800	65.0	64.0	141,900	136,500	115,200

United States	40,126	36,343	46.9	44.4	1,845,528	1,880,605	1,614,799
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* Indicated May 1, 1999.

U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning Stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary	Other				
Million bushels										
CORN:										\$/bu.
1997/98	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99	9,761	1,308	15	11,084	5,625	1,860	1,825	9,310	1,774	1.95-2.05
1999/00	9,445	1,774	10	11,229	5,625	1,925	1,850	9,400	1,829	1.80-2.20
SOYBEANS:										
1997/98	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	158	870	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99	2,757	200	6	2,963	1,560	203	770	2,533	430	5.05
1999/00	2,880	430	5	3,315	1,635	155	930	2,720	595	3.95-4.75
WHEAT:										
1997/98	2,481	444	95	3,020	916	341	1,040	2,297	722	3.38
1998/99	2,550	722	98	3,371	915	437	1,050	2,402	969	2.65
1999/00	2,245	969	95	3,309	925	365	1,150	2,440	869	2.60-3.10
SORGHUM:										
1997/98	634	47	---	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99	520	49	---	569	275	45	185	505	64	1.65-1.75
1999/00	530	64	---	594	275	45	190	510	84	1.50-1.90

* Projections for 1998 and 1999 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of May 12, 1999. Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. 2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 3.4% from production in these same States in April 1998. March revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds was up 4.6% from March 1998.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,553 pounds for April, 52 pounds above April 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 1,000 head less than April 1998 but 4,000 head more than March 1999.

ESTIMATED MILK PRODUCTION: U.S. 1998-99

Month	by Month		Cumulative	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Million Pounds		Million Pounds	
January	13,282	13,671	13,282	13,671
February	12,188	12,609	25,470	26,280
March	13,649	14,246	39,164	40,526
April	13,510	13,974	52,674	54,500
May	14,015		66,689	
June	13,296		79,985	
July	13,162		93,147	
August	12,942		106,089	
September	12,415		118,504	
October	12,956		131,460	
November	12,611		144,071	
December	13,370		157,441	

POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks totaled 87.6 million cwt. on May 1, 1999, down 6% from last year and 15% below two years ago. Disappearance of 337 million cwt. of potatoes, was up 5% from last year but 1% below the record high two years ago. Shrinkage and loss of 30.1 million cwt. was 18% above last year. Processors used a total of 168 million cwt. of potatoes, up 8% from the 1997 crop. April processing used a record 19.2 million cwt. of raw potatoes, up 9% from last year.

1998 FALL POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 1999
Thousand cwt.		
California	3,708	900
Colorado	25,360	6,400
Idaho	139,650	39,000
Maine	18,060	3,800
Michigan	14,725	800
Minnesota	21,170	4,300
Montana	3,180	270
NEBRASKA	8,175	1/ 400
New York	7,290	140
North Dakota	28,670	6,500
Ohio	1,200	1/
Oregon	26,229	7,000
Pennsylvania	3,360	130
Washington	93,225	14,500
Wisconsin	30,895	3,500
15 STATES	424,897	87,640

1/ Combined to prevent possible disclosure of individual operations.

MILK PRODUCTION AND VALUE -- NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1997-1998

MILK PRODUCTION AND VALUE -- NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1971-1976										
YEAR	Number of Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	Production of Milk and Milkfat <u>2/</u>					Total Utilized on Farms	Sold to Plants & Dealers		
		Per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat in Milk	Total Production			Sold	Price per 100 lbs.	Receipts from Sales
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat				
	Thousand	Pounds		Percent	Million pounds			Dollars	1,000 dol.	

NEBRASKA

1997 ..	69	15,072	556	3.69	1,040	38.4	25	1,015	13.20	133,980
1998 ..	70	15,000	554	3.69	1,050	38.7	25	1,025	15.10	154,775

UNITED STATES

1997 ..	9,252	16,871	617	3.66	156,091	5,705.9	1,394	153,405	13.36	20,496,289
1998 ..	9,158	17,192	629	3.66	157,441	5,764.8	1,361	154,924	15.41	23,871,006

1/ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

FERTILIZER PRIMARY NUTRIENT APPLICATIONS

NEBRASKA, 1998

Primary Nutrient	Planted Acreages	Area Applied	Applications	Rate per Application	Rate per Crop Year	Total Applied
	(1,000)	Percent	Number	Pounds per Acre		Mil. Lbs.
CORN	8,800					
Nitrogen		99	1.8	71	126	1,106.1
Phosphate		70	1.1	32	35	215.1
Potash		21	1.2	15	18	33.1
SOYBEANS	3,800					
Nitrogen		22	1.1	14	15	12.1
Phosphate		19	1.0	37	37	27.0
Potash		8	1.2	22	25	7.3
WINTER WHEAT 1/	1,900					
Nitrate		85	1.4	32	43	69.9
Phosphate		59	1.0	22	23	25.3
Potash 2/		12	1.0	4	4	1.0

1/ Harvested acres. 2/ Insufficient reports to publish data for one or more of the fertilizer primary nutrients.

SELECTED AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS

NEBRASKA, 1998

Agricultural Chemical	Area Applied	Applications	Rate per Application	Rate per Crop Year	Total Applied
	Percent	Number	Pounds per Acre		1,000 Lbs
Herbicides:			CORN		
2, 4-D	10	1.2	0.51	0.64	553
Acetochlor	18	1.0	2.04	2.04	3,239
Alachor	11	1.0	1.56	1.56	1,462
Atrazine	63	1.0	0.93	0.98	5,382
Dicamba	8	1.0	0.21	0.21	142
Metolachlor	47	1.0	1.59	1.68	6,928
Insecticides:					
Cyfluthrin	12	1.0	0.006	0.006	7
Tebupirimphos	12	1.0	0.12	0.12	129
Terbufos	9	1.0	1.10	1.15	926
Herbicides:			SOYBEANS		
2, 4-D	7	1.0	0.42	0.42	111
Chlorimuron-ethyl	7	1.0	0.010	0.010	3
Clomazone	5	1.0	0.35	0.35	67
Glyphosate	59	1.2	0.65	0.83	1,852
Imazethapyr	16	1.0	0.04	0.04	25
Metolachlor	7	1.0	1.08	1.08	286
Pendimethalin	14	1.0	0.80	0.81	438
Trifluralin	26	1.0	1.02	1.03	1,017
Herbicides:			WINTER WHEAT		
2, 4-D	32	1.0	0.44	0.44	266
Metsulfuron-methyl	29	1.0	0.004	0.004	2
Triasulfuron	8	1.0	0.010	0.010	2